

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The interview with Examiner Chen was conducted via telephone on November 7, 2007, and attended by the undersigned attorney, along with Attorney Neil Bartfeld.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

No exhibits or demonstrations were presented.

Identification of Claims Discussed

All claims of record were discussed.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Prior art cited by the Examiner in the final Office Action was discussed, specifically Towfigh (U.S. Patent No. 5,531,168) ("Towfigh") and Frascaroli et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,715,760) ("Frascaroli").

Proposed Amendments

Claim amendments substantially identical to those presented herein were discussed. In addition, amendments to the drawings which describe and/or illustrate compressive loading with a screw and use of multiple pressure points to fix a support element in place were discussed.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

It was argued that the proposed amendments to the claims and drawings would overcome the Examiner's rejections.

Results of Interview

Prior to the interview, the undersigned attorney and Attorney Neil Bartfeld provided the Examiner with a set of proposed claim amendments and drawings illustrating the invention. During the interview, the Examiner agreed that the invention described in the new claims and drawings is nonobvious over Frascaroli in view of Towfigh. The Examiner indicated that in order to withdraw the rejection over these references, he would further need: 1) an explanation of how the proposed claims are related to the device in the new drawing(s); 2) an explanation of the support in the specification for any claim amendments; and 3) an amendment to the drawings in the specification to provide a depiction of the invention as claimed in the amended claims.